

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-6: Cancelled

7. (Previously presented) A gear-type key switch of a keyboard device, comprising:

- a key top;
- a holder member;
- four gears;
- a spring member for providing elastic return force for the key top;
- a film circuit board; and
- a supporting plate; and wherein

the spring member and the holder member are located above the supporting plate and below the key top, the film circuit board is located between the supporting plate and the spring member; and wherein

the holder member have four pairs of shafts disposed thereon, said four gears are respectively rotatably assembled to the four pairs of shafts, the key top forms at least four rack supporting members on a bottom thereof; wherein

the at least four rack supporting members are respectively parallel to corresponding gears and engage with corresponding gears to provide the upward and downward movement for the key switch.

8. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the four gears form a quadrangle shape.

9. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein each rack supporting member of the key top forms a restrictive barb on a bottom edge thereof to restrict excessive upward movement of the key top.

10. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein each rack supporting member is capable of being divided into at least two racks.

11. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein each pair of shafts are arranged face to face corresponding to the length of corresponding gear.

12. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 11, wherein each shaft defines a gear-receiving hole and an opening with dimension smaller than the gear-receiving hole, and wherein each opposite end of the gear is pressed through the opening into the gear-receiving hole.

13. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the adjacent two shafts of different pairs form an angle about 90 degrees therebetween.

14. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the holder member defines a through hole therein, and wherein the spring member partially protrudes through the through hole of the holder member to electrically connect with the film circuit board.

15. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the key top forms a post located in a center of an area circumscribed by the four

rack supporting members, and wherein the spring member defines a hole to permit the post of the key top to insert for providing the engagement between the key top and the spring member.

16. (Previously presented) A gear-type key switch of a keyboard device, comprising:

a key top;

a holder member;

three gears;

a spring member for providing elastic return force to the key top;

a film circuit board; and

a supporting plate; and wherein

the spring member and the holder member are above the supporting plate and below the key top, the film circuit board is located between the supporting plate and the spring member; and wherein

the holder member have three pairs of shafts disposed thereon, said three gears are respectively rotatably assembled to the three pairs of shafts, the key top forms at least three rack supporting members on a bottom thereof; wherein

the at least three rack supporting members are respectively parallel to corresponding gears and engage with corresponding gears to provide the upward and downward movement for the key top.

17. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim ~~[[15]]~~ 16, wherein the three gears form a triangular shape.

18. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim ~~[[15]]~~ 16, wherein each rack supporting member of the key top forms a restrictive barb on a bottom edge thereof to restrict excessive upward movement of the key top.

19. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim [[15]] 16, wherein each rack supporting member is capable of being divided into at least two racks.

20. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim [[15]] 16, wherein each pair of shafts are arranged face to face corresponding to the length of corresponding gear.

21. (Previously presented) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim 19, wherein each shaft defines a gear-receiving hole and an opening with dimension smaller than the gear-receiving hole, and wherein each opposite end of the gear is pressed through the opening into the gear-receiving hole.

22. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim [[15]] 16, wherein the adjacent two shafts of different pairs form an angle about 120 degrees therebetween.

23. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim [[15]] 16, wherein the holder member defines a through hole therein, and wherein the spring member partially protrudes through the through hole to electrically connect with the film circuit board.

24. (Currently amended) The gear-type key switch of the keyboard device as claimed in claim [[15]] 16, the key top forms a post located in a center of an area circumscribed by the three rack supporting members, and wherein the spring member defines a hole to permit the post of the key top to insert for providing the engagement between the key top and the spring member.